Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 10 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Friday 11 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Thursday 10 Dec 2020 at 02:09 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High in general developments and unsettled theme. Medium for cloud amounts.

Headline for Thursday 10 Dec 2020: Cloudy with patchy rain and high level snow.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 10 Dec 2020

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Fog	Fog	Light snow	Sleet	Heavy snow	Heavy snow
Precipitation probability					
30%	40%	50%	50%	80%	60%

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Weather: Cloudy and overcast during daylight hours with patchy rain and snow. However, the rain and snow turning heavier after dusk. Snow mainly above 800m with blizzard conditions at times in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Nil to 30%, extensive cloud 600 to 900m, the highest bases around the Northern Cairngorms and Monadhliath in the morning, patches to 300m later in the day.

Visibility: Moderate or poor in rain and snow, and very poor at times at height. Good or very good at times lower down.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	32/41 SE	30/40 SE	30/40 SE	33/44 SE	39/53 SE	44/60 SE	40/55 SE
900	29/40 SE	26/38 SE	28/39 S	33/44 SE	36/47 S	36/49 SE	36/49 SE
600	23/36 S	20/33 S	17/28 S	15/24 SE	16/26 SE	17/29 SE	20/32 SE
300	4/9 NW	6/13 W	6/13 SW	5/11 SE	8/17 S	11/21 SE	12/26 SE
Glen	5/16 S	5/17 S	6/18 S	5/17 S	5/21 S	5/20 S	5/22 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-4/-14	-4/-13	-4/-13	-4/-13	-4/-13	-4/-14	-4/-14
900	2/-5	2/-5	2/-4	2/-6	0/-8	-1/-9	-1/-10
600	4/-2	3/-2	3/-2	2/-3	2/-4	1/-4	1/-5
300	2/1	3/-0	4/1	4/1	4/1	4/0	4/-0
Glen	4/1	3/0	4/1	5/2	4/1	4/1	4/1
Freezing Level*	700m	800m	800m	800m	800m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Navigational difficulties expected at height due to increasing amounts of low cloud.

Forecast for Friday 11 Dec 2020
Weather: Mostly cloudy and overcast with outbreaks of rain and snow. The best of any conditions will be over the Northern Cairngorms and Monadhliath. Snow mainly above 1000m, perhaps lowering to 800m at times with temporary blizzard conditions over the Cairngorm Plateau and highest summits.

Maximum wind: Southeast 25 to 35mph gusting 50mph with a severe wind chill

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Nil to 30%, extensive cloud 600 to 900m, the highest bases over the Northern Cairngorms and Monadhliath, patches to 300m around Ben Alder and Creag Meagaidh.

Visibility: Moderate or poor in rain and snow, very poor at times at height. Good or very good at times lower down.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 to 7 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius
Freezing level: Around 1000m

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